

FLOCKING IN CROWDS  
TO THE PRIZE FIGHT.

The Dempsey-Fitzsimmons Bill  
Attracts Great Numbers to  
the Crescent City.

## BOTH MEN IN FINE SHAPE.

Speculation Brisk, but Dempsey Has  
More Backers Than the Boy  
from the Antipodes.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 12, 1891.  
OW great is the interest taken in the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight may be seen by the enormous crowd of strangers that throng the city streets. The Sullivan-Ritman battle failed to attract a larger assemblage. Dempsey arrived here this morning, but received no callers. Fitzsimmons expects to enter the ring at 10 o'clock. Both men seem to be in the pink of condition.

Of course the principal topic of conversation was the coming fight. The arrivals during the day largely reinforced the Dempsey contingent, and they brought a large amount of money to back their opinions.

Fitzsimmons' admirers say the betting will more nearly approach even figures after today, as a party of Fitzsimmons' people from Chicago, led by Mr. Louis, have arrived with a bundle of money and the Dempsey men may have more bets offered them than they will be prepared to cover.

One enthusiastic Fitzsimmons man said he believed the betting will be at odds of 8 to 10 in the Australian before the men enter the ring. What he bases the prediction on is not evident, as the Dempsey contingent has not abated its confidence in the slightest degree.

It is the general opinion that the fight will be a short one and that Dempsey will win, and the favorite form of betting is 1 to 10 that Fitzsimmons will knock Dempsey out in twelve rounds. Much money has been placed at these figures. Dempsey's friends eagerly take up the bets at the odds, apparently thinking they have a safe thing of it.

The theory of Fitzsimmons' admirers is that he will rush the fight from the start and that he will not give the "Nonpareil" an opportunity to display his generalship or play a waiting game. Dempsey's admirers say Fitzsimmons will recognize his mistakes if he tries any such tactics.

There is no indication that the authorities will interfere to prevent the fight. A rumor was current yesterday that Governor Nicholls had written, asking Mayor Shreve to see if it were true that the peace of the State was about to be broken and if any should be taken to prevent it. It is not probable that any such letter was sent, but if it was the Mayor evidently was in a position to satisfy the Governor, as the police detail for the fight was selected to day. Evidently the police authorities have not had a tip that the fight was to be interfered with.

## SAN FRANCISCO'S PET PUGILIST.

DEMPSEY'S BACKERS HAVE NO FEARS FOR THE RESULT.  
[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12, 1891.—The Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight is attracting great attention in this city. Over \$20,000 have already been wagered, with the odds in favor of the Nonpareil. A number of gentlemen, headed by Mr. A. Gunter, a prominent patron of the sport, have gone to New Orleans from this city to witness the mill. Most of them have a \$4,000 of his own money on Dempsey, besides placing large amounts for his friend, Charlie Aker, who has bet \$5,000 on Dempsey against \$4,500 put up by Frank Hayward.

Mose Katzenstein has \$5,000 on Dempsey in Kingsley's pool room to be covered by Shilling, a well known sport of Billie Mont, the bet having been made by Mr. Katzenstein, who has been back Dempsey up to \$10,000, but has not yet found many backers. In fact there is very little response to the fight by rounds will be received direct from New Orleans.

However, those who have backed the Australian are equally confident, and among these are men whose opinion concerning the relative prowess of the pugilists comes from long experience. They have seen them both in the ring. Special telegraph service has been arranged for by a number of backers. In fact there is a very large number of fight by rounds will be received direct from New Orleans.

Jack Dempsey, at the benefit given him by the Galveston Athletic Association on Saturday night, showed up in magnificent form. He is down 150 pounds and is superbly developed. His three round set to with Jack McCallum was a splendid exhibition of pugilistic skill and science. The benefit was attended by Mayor Fulton and a large number of leading citizens, while the sporting element were out in full force. The Mayor, at the close of the benefit, congratulated the "Nonpareil" and heartily wished him success in his ensuing fight.

San Berker, editor of the *Sunday Mercury*, in a brief and witty speech, expressed the hopes and wishes of Galveston for his success. He told Dempsey that Galveston had not only bet their last dollar, but put up their houses and lots, and further earnest of their belief in his victory. The fight was willing to put up their last shirt. With this he pulled from his overcoat pocket a five dollar bill and tossed it to Dempsey in the champion's hands. He then said he was the shirt off his back. He is in the favorite here by long odds, and by his great demeanor has become universally popular. He is a man of the speak of the fight beyond the fact that he will do his best not to disappoint his friends.

O'CONNELL WHIPS CONLEY.  
A GOOD SEVEN ROUND FIGHT FOR WRITER  
WEIGHT HONORS.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12, 1891.—There was a rattling fight at the rooms of the Audubon Athletic Association to-night between Doc O'Connell and Eddie Conley, of Boston, Mass., for a \$1,000 purse and the welter weight championship left vacant by the death of Paddy Duffy, of Boston. James Sweeney was chosen referee, and James Corbett and Howe Hodgkins, of Boston, were behind Conley, while James Carroll and a fellow chum looked after East with him.

Time was called promptly at nine o'clock. After six rounds which were well contested O'Connell knocked Conley down. He failed to respond to time and O'Connell was adjudged the winner.

THE CURLERS' GREAT MEET.  
PROMINENT RINKS FROM MANY PLACES TO PLAY  
FOR THE MITCHELL MEDAL.

The great brouhaha for the Mitchell medal and other curling trophies will commence to-morrow, weather permitting, on Cortlandt Lake, the first ice being called at ten A. M., and five ties will have to be played off before it is finished. Mr. J. H. Wells, skip of the Crusade rink, of Portage, Wis., winner of the medal at Milwaukee last year, intended coming East to measure brooms with the curlers to-morrow for the medal and the final possession of the Thorburn curling stones, but a telegram received last night by the national club secretary states that Mr. Wells is too sick to take the trip East with his men.

The famous Four Brother Rink, shipped by Robert Macdonald, is here from Toronto, ready for the fray, while rinks are coming from Utica and the Albany clubs and probably one from Boston. Skip John Johnston, of Milwaukee, with a

pink from the "Cream City," also intends being here, should the probabilities be favorable to good curling. There are twenty clubs in this immediate vicinity entitled to compete, most of which will be represented, and the Tuxedo curlers feel so good over their recent victory over the Scotch rinks. South match last week on Conservatory Lake, Central Park, they would like to add another rose to their chaplet in the Mitchell medal match.

The National Curling Club secretary is authorized to announce that the Tuxedo Curling Club will give a handsome trophy to be competed for by clubs from all over the country. The trophy is a silver cup, the work of the Tuxedo Curling Club, and is now in the possession of the Tuxedo Curling Club. The trophy is a silver cup, the work of the Tuxedo Curling Club, and is now in the possession of the Tuxedo Curling Club.

ANOTHER DRAWN GAME.  
GUNSBURG AND ST. NITZ DISPLAY EQUAL  
ABILITY IN THE FIFTEENTH CONTEST.

The fifteenth game in the international chess contest being played in this city between W. Steiniz, of New Jersey, and I. Gunsberg, of London, brought another Zukertort opening to the fore. The Englishman, almost second player, assumed the attack on the eleventh move, and by well directed play succeeded in winning a pawn on the twenty-sixth move. Steiniz so managed that the two Qs and Bs of different colors remained on the board after recess. Gunsberg went on with the fight up to the thirty-ninth move, where he accepted the offered draw—too early, perhaps, for he might have won another pawn.

THE RESERVE RULE WILL STAY.  
Johnson's Cincinnati Club May Be Given  
a League Franchise—Other  
Bits of News.

VERY one of the baseball magnates now in this city did a deal of pulling and pushing yesterday. The Fifth Avenue Hotel was the scene of it all. The corridors were crowded with baseball men all day, while Mr. Thurman had a line of visitors outside and inside of his room from early morn until the lights were put out in the big hostility. All kinds of rumors were in the wind, but it was difficult to nail any of them, as the legislators of the national game were continually turning deaf ears upon the newspaper men running out of their way.

One thing, however, can be banked on. A new national agreement has been drawn up by Messrs. Mills, Byrne, Spalding and others, which will be adopted by the League and Association at to-morrow's meeting. Many changes have been made, but the reserve rule will remain as it is in spite of the howling from Philadelphia and other points. The Western League will be on an equal footing with the two older organizations and will be given the same rights. This has been done to provide for the surplus of players who will necessarily be placed on the market by the abundance of young stars developed by the League last season. Nothing has been done about the sale system, but many objectionable features have been eliminated.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEET TO-DAY.  
The joint conference committees of the League and Association meet to-day at the Fifth Avenue Hotel at eleven o'clock. Spalding, Day and Byrne represent the League, and Thurman, Von der Ahe and Barnie the Association. The much talked of circuit of the American Association will be the subject of discussion. As President Thurman has all along claimed the chances for the admission of Boston and Chicago are exceedingly bright. In fact, it can be said the deal has been fully arranged. The trouble comes in Philadelphia, where the Western League is the only one of the minor leagues that has a franchise. The franchise is held by the old Philadelphia club, which is making a tremendous fight for the franchise. The franchise is held by the old Philadelphia club, which is making a tremendous fight for the franchise.

THE ACADAMY AILEYS.  
The contending teams in the Academy bowling tournament last night were the Atlantics, Krakhlaks and Pidiellas. The results of the games follow:

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